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SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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SEAMEN PROVIDENT FUNDS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigation action and recovery in Seamen`s Provident Fund has been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Immediately on receiving the information regarding the alleged fraud, the Ministry of Shipping entrusted the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation and effective action against those involved. CBI is in the process of finalizing their enquiry and filing charge sheet in the Court. After the irregularities in the investment of Seamen`s Provident Fund came to notice the following action, inter-alia, has been taken:-

(i) A Chartered Accountant Firm has been appointed as Internal Auditor who shall submit the quarterly progress report, which will be placed before the Board of Trustees, Seamen`s Provident Fund in its subsequent meetings. The first report has already been placed.

(ii) All physical securities required to be converted into demat form have been converted.

(iii) A Finance Sub-Committee has been constituted for considering investment proposals.